



Bay Area Dioxins Project



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Summary of Discussions TASK FORCE MEETING November 3, 2003

Attending the conference call meeting were:

Betsy Elzufon, LWA+
Pamela Evans, Alameda County*
Jennifer Krebs, ABAG
Kelly Moran, TDC+
Debbie Raphael, San Francisco*
Michael Smith, ABAG
Julie Weiss, Palo Alto*

(+ Task Force consultant, * Task Force member)

1. Call to order, 10:00 am

2. Public Comments – none

3. Roundtable Discussion.

Michael Smith told members of a potential meeting with Archie Beaton of the Chlorine Free Products Association. Archie will be in the Bay Area for the November 8-9 Green Festival in San Francisco and would like to have a meeting with the Dioxins Task Force to talk about new and existing chlorine free products. He is traveling with the CEO of Bi-O-Kleen and can meet on either November 6th around 2:00pm or November 7th around 11:00am.

Task Force members requested that Jennifer Krebs meet with Archie and then report back at the December meeting. Jennifer agreed to set up a meeting and would update the Task Force members about the information presented at the meeting.

Julie Weiss had heard that Envision and Acclaim paper towels had shaky claims relating to their recycled content as the products are made in Mexico where labeling laws are not as tough as they are in the United States. She asked if Jennifer could ask Archie what he knew about the claims. Jennifer said she would ask about the validity of claims made by Mexican manufacturers in relation to recycled content and chlorine-free claims. Betsy Elzufon stated that they were in the process of revising the PCF paper information to incorporate more recent information.

Pam Evans mentioned that she had surveyed Alameda County hospitals as to their medical waste management practices. She received five responses – two send waste offsite for autoclaving, three send waste for incineration. All facilities requested, and were sent, materials produced by Kelly, for the Dioxins Project, on medical waste management.

4. Pollution Prevention Conference Debriefing.

Pam Evans, Kelly Moran, and Jennifer Krebs attended the Fall 2003 Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network Conference in Granlibakken, CA, and told the other members. Kelly made a well received presentation to roughly 50 conference attendees about medical waste management that credited the Dioxins Project.

5. Final Report Outline.

Betsy Elzufon discussed the outline of the Final Report for the Dioxins Task Force. (Attachment) The Task Force members reviewed the content layout and were solicited for ideas about structure and new items to be added.

The Task Force members liked the outline of the Final Report and requested only the addition of an executive summary.

Betsy said that it is the intention of Kelly and her to get a final draft of the report to the members for review and comment about a week or two before the final meeting of the Task Force. It is hoped that this review and comment period prior to the last meeting will allow the Task Force to approve the Final Report at the December meeting.

6. Project Implementation Review.

Kelly Moran went through the Implementation Review portion of the Final Report to explain the information contained in each section and to solicit comments from Task Force members about information presented and for new items to be added. Contact Kelly for the most recent update.

Kelly stated that she has been gathering as many brochures, FAQs, and papers as she can find that show how local jurisdictions are implementing the policies identified by the Task Force to reduce the production of dioxins. She has been collecting the documents that are either existing PDFs or that can be converted into a PDF. All the documents that are collected as part of this process will be included in the Final Report. Kelly asked all the Task Force members who had a document that should be included (especially if in electronic format that can easily be made into a PDF) to forward the documents to her. Jennifer offered to have Michael search member jurisdiction websites to help gather documents of interest for the report. Kelly stated that she especially needed a Clean Vehicle Policy. Debbie Raphael suggested the San Francisco Clean Air Ordinance for inclusion in the report.

7. Public Comments – none

8. Adjourn, 12:30 pm

Final meeting date (this will be a celebration meeting that all Task Force members and consultants are invited to; active, inactive, and former):

December 15, 2003 at 11:00am

Attachment

ABAG Dioxins Pollution Prevention Final Report Outline

I. Introduction

- a. State and Federal activity targeting dioxins
- b. Project purpose
- c. Task force description
- d. Project process
 - i. Dioxin sources identified in Screening Evaluation
 - ii. P2 projects identified in Screening Evaluation

II. Project selection

- a. Factors considered
- b. Public input
- c. Selected projects

III. Project Descriptions

- a. PCF paper purchasing
 - i. Tools developed
 - ii. Purchasing pool
- b. PVC Alternatives in Building Materials
 - i. Tools developed
 - ii. Laguna Honda case study
- c. Medical Waste Management
 - i. Tools developed
 - ii. Technical assistance summary(?)
- d. Diesel Fuel Alternatives

IV. Implementation Review-summary of implementation status in Bay Area for identified prevention options for several dioxin sources (see Implementation Review distributed separately)

V. Summary/ Conclusions

- a. Summary of Dioxin P2 activity in Bay Area
- b. Evaluation of overall activity and ABAG projects
- c. Future directions/ next steps

Appendix : Examples of Municipal Implementation of Dioxins Pollution Prevention Measures (preliminary draft attached)

Attachment

Appendix X. Examples of Municipal Implementation of Dioxins Pollution Prevention Measures

[Municipalities: Would like to have at least one example from each of you here.]

2,4-D Alternatives

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, "Tips for a Healthy Beautiful Lawn," prepared for the San Francisco Bay Area regional "Our Water, Our World" IPM Education campaign by San Francisco Bay Area water quality agencies, January 2001.

City and County of San Francisco, "Getting Past Pesticides: Integrated Pest Management in San Francisco," brochure, undated.

Diesel Alternatives

California Air Resources Board, "California's Plan to Reduce Diesel Particulate Matter Emissions," Fact Sheet, October 2000.

City of Berkeley, City of Berkeley Converts Fleet to 100 Percent Biodiesel, Press Release, June 19, 2003.

San Francisco International Airport, "SFO's Commitment to Clean Air Vehicles," Fact Sheet, June 2003.

[Would like to add a clean vehicle policy, need help to find an easy to read example]

Medical Waste Management Alternatives

Hospitals for a Healthy Environment, "Regulated Medical Waste Reduction: 10 Steps to Implementing a Regulated Medical Waste Reduction Plan," Fact Sheet, undated.

Hospitals for a Healthy Environment, "Case Study on Catholic Healthcare West Hospital System: Environmentally Responsible Principles in Practice," H2E 2002 Award Winner Case Study, undated.

Paper Bleaching Alternatives

Alameda County Waste Management Authority, "Environmentally Preferable Janitorial Paper Supplies in Alameda County," Fact Sheet, October 2002.

City of Palo Alto, "The City of Palo Alto Switch to Paper Processed Without Chlorine," Fact Sheet, undated.

PVC Alternatives

Healthy Building Network, "PVC Free Building Material Alternatives," product list, June 16, 2003.

Health Care Without Harm, "Alternatives to Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and Di-(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate (DEHP) Medical Devices," product list, June 17, 2003.

Wood Burning Alternatives

Bay Area Air Quality Management District, "Woodburning Handbook: Reduce Woodsmoke Pollution by Burning Less Wood or Switching to Natural Gas," undated.

City of Palo Alto, "City of Palo Alto Woodsmoke-related Dioxin Reduction," Fact Sheet, undated.

Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, "A Growing Concern: Woodsmoke Pollution," undated.